

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11-13 were pending prior to the final Office Action. Claims 5, 8, 9, 12, and 13 were rejected. Claims 6 and 11 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected claims. Claims 5, 6, 8, 11, and 13 are currently amended. Claim 12 has been canceled. Claims 16-19 have been added. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, and 16-19 are pending and in condition for allowance.

II. Rejections under 35 USC § 103

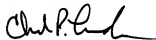
Claims 5, 8, 9, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The rejection is moot in light of the currently pending claims. Claim 6 and 11 were objected to as depending from a rejected claim, but would otherwise be patentable if written in independent form. The current listing of claims presents claims 6 and 11 in independent form and claims 5, 8, 9, and 12 currently depending from claim 6 as amended and new claims 16-19 depending from claim 11 as amended. The current claims are in condition for allowance and Applicants request notification of such.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present document is a full and complete response to the Action dated September 25, 2006. The present case is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Agent at (512) 536-3167 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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